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Please re-write claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Thrice Amended) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call to a telecommunications device coupled to the system; and voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by [a single] not more than one microprocessor.

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the present invention

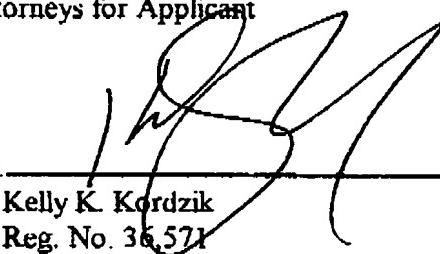
The Examiner has asserted that Applicants provided no remarks directed toward the novelty of claim 73 as added in the Third Amendment (Paper No. 16). In response, Applicants respond by asserting that the prior art does not teach or suggest a telephone call and voice processing system having switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call to one of a plurality of telecommunications devices coupled to the system, and voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the switching circuitry further comprises a digital cross-point matrix. As a result, Applicants respectfully assert that claim 73 is patentable over the prior art.

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